

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, throughout the month of February, Black History Month will be observed in our State and Nation as a tangible way of encouraging all citizens to learn about and appreciate the contributions of African Americans and their impact on our past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, arriving in bondage, but persevering toward freedom, African Americans helped build North Carolina and craft its unique character; and

WHEREAS, African American legends such as writer Maya Angelou, freedom fighter Harriet Jacobs, educator Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, scholar John Hope Franklin, sports hero Michael Jordan, artist Romare Bearden, and musicians John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk went from being citizens of North Carolina to citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's African American history is celebrated and studied at State Historic sites such as Historic Edenton, Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, Somerset Place, Historic Stagville, Reed Gold Mine, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, Roanoke Island Festival Park, and the N.C. Transportation Museum; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month pays tribute to and recognizes the numerous outstanding accomplishments, past and present, that African Americans make to our state, nation, and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2009, as "**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon the citizens of this State to observe and commemorate Black History Month as we celebrate the vibrant cultural life of the state of North Carolina.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty third.